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To the Chairman and Members of the Emley Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure of submitting to you a Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of your district for the year 1925.

The area of the district is 3323 acres. The population at the census of 1921 was 1622 and for 1925 was estimated at 1733. The district is solely coal-mining and agricultural. The majority of the female workers, however, work outside the district.

The rateable value is £10,836 and a penny rate brings in £45.

The general health of the district has been good, only six cases of Infectious Disease having been notified. There was a slight rise in the Death Rate and a fall in the Birth Rate.

Births. The number of births registered was 23, including 1 illegitimate—9 were males and 14 females.

The Birth Rate was 13·2 per 1,000. The rate for England and Wales was 18·3.

Deaths. The number of deaths registered in the district was 11, with 3 registered outside the district, making a total of 14, six males and eight females. Of these 5 were aged over 70 years. There were no deaths from Infectious Disease.

The Death Rate was 8·1 per 1,000, the general Death Rate for England and Wales being 12·2.

Zymotic Death Rate. Nil.

Infantile Death Rate. There was only 1 death of Infants aged under one year, giving an Infantile Deate Rate of 43·5 per 1,000 registered births.

There were no deaths from any disease of Tuberculous origin.

Infectious Diseases. During 1925 the district was fairly free from Infectious Diseases. A slight outbreak of Measles occurred in October and of Mumps in October and November. Only five cases of notifiable infectious disease occurred, *i.e*, 1 Scarlet Fever, 2 Diphtheria, 1 Enteric and 1 Erysipelas. One case each of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

Cases of Infectious Disease and Small Pox are removed to the Joint Isolation Hospital at Kirburton, the dwelling houses being disinfected by the local Inspector.

There is no local provision made for unmarried mothers and illegitimate children.

There are two Elementary Schools in the district—an Infants' School under the local School Managers, and a Mixed Department under the County Council. The sanitary arrangements of both schools were inspected on three occasions and found to be satisfactory. There was no closure of the schools on account of Infectious Disease.

There are two registered midwives practising in the district, and no cases of Puerperal Sepsis have occurred.

The Emley District Nursing Association provides for the general nursing of the district, the nurse being also a registered midwife. The nursing work is carried on in an efficient manner and is greatly appreciated.

The number of nuisances reported was small and all of a minor character. After frequent inspections both by myself and by the Sanitary Inspector, most of the defects were found to be due to the large proportion of old houses.

Scavenging.—The scavenging of the district is undertaken by the Council, and in spite of a few complaints of overloading of ashpits, is fairly satisfactorily attended to.

Housing.—Private building does not seem to be any more flourishing than last year, only two houses having been built privately.

As to the Council's Housing Scheme, four houses were occupied, and the other four will be ready for occupation early in 1926.

No action was taken under the Housing and Town Planning Act.

Water Supply.—The public water supply was much more satisfactory in regularity, and practically all the district is supplied.

Drainage and Sewerage.—The district, with the exception of part of Emley Moor, is fairly well-drained and sewered. Filter beds and tanks are established at Out Lane and Broomhall, but these do not deal with the sewage from the lower part of the village.

I, remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. SMITH.

Middlestown,
Nr. Wakefield.
9th June, 1926.

EMLEY URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

Nuisance Inspections—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only, 25.

Nuisances reported in 1925, 8 Total needing abatement, None.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1924, None. Abated during 1925, 8.

Outstanding end of 1925, None.

Notices served, Informal, 8. Complied with, 8.

Notices served, Statutory, None.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings, None.

Common Lodging Houses
Houses let in Lodgings
Canal Boats
Knackers Yards
Tents, Vans and Sheds
Offensive Trades
} None.

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades? No.

Drainage and Sewerage—

Developments during 1925? None.

Developments still needed as to

(a) Want of Sewers, Emley Moor.

(b) Improvement of defective sewers, None.

Sewage Disposal Works (a) Any inadequacy? No.
(b) Any complaints? No.

Any sink wastes still needing disconnection? No.

Closet Accommodation—

No. of Privies with open middens, 100.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets, None.

No. of Privies with covered middens, 300.

No. of Water Closets, 9. Waste-water Closets, None.

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(a) as w.c.'s, None. (b) other, None.

No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1925—(a) w.c.'s, None. (b) other, None.

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses—(a) w.c.'s, None. (b) other, 6.

Scavenging—

Any change during 1925 ? No.

Performed by Council, Yes.

Is there any inadequacy, and where ? No.

Any utilization of waste material ? No.

Water Supply—

Any developments during 1925 ? No.

Restricted in any way ? No.

Any general insufficiency, and where ? No.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where ? No.

Any new sources added ? No. Any disused sources re-used, No.

Milk Supply—

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act ? (a) For Retailers. (b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders, Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of:—

"Certified" milk, No. "Grade A," No. "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)," No.

"Grade A (Pasteurised)," No. "Pasteurised," No.

Have you had samples of Graded Milk tested ? Give number and kind, None.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register ? No.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts, None.

No. of Samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination, None.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows, None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925 ? No.

No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk, 13. No. Registered, 13.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers, 13. No. who are Milk Retailers only, None. Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered, 13.

Total No. of Cowsheds, 54.

Total No. of Inspections in 1925, 6. Cowkeepers, 6.

Any Legal Action ? No.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent ? No.

Other Foods—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Act in 1925, None.

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt ? No.

No. of seizures of unsound food, None.

Any Public Abattoir ? No.

No. of Slaughterhouses, 3. Registered, 3. Unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position, None.

No. of times each Slaughterhouse inspected, 2. Total inspections, 6.

No of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs, None. (b) Unsound Food, None. (c) re Slaughterhouses, None.

Bakehouses, No., None Any underground, None. Total No. of Inspections, None

Schools—

No. of Schools in district, 2. No. visited by M.O.H., 2. Action taken, None. Schools closed by M.O.H., None.

Factories and Workshops—

None in the District.

Adoptive Acts in force in District—

For Rural Districts : Any Urban Powers obtained in 1925, None.

Byelaws and Regulations in force in District—

Cleansing of Footways and Pavements
Scavenging
Prevention of Nuisances
Common Lodging Houses
New Streets and Buildings
Alteration of Buildings
Slaughter Houses
Baths and Wash-Houses
Houses let in Lodgings
Cemeteries
Mortuaries
Offensive Trades
Tents, Vans and Sheds

} None.

Infectious and other Diseases—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925 ? Measles and Mumps. State months, October.

Any diseases speciaily added to notifiable list ? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District ? No.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases ? No.

Any prevalance of Jaundice, and at what ages ? No.

Hospitals and other Institutions—

None situated in district.

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases ? No.

Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme, No.

Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital, No.

Any change or extension of (*a*) General Infectious Hospital, No.
(*b*) Smallpox Hospital, No.

Tuberculosis—

(1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop, Yes.

(2) Examination of contacts, Yes.

(3) Is house disinfected ? Yes.

(4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed, Leaflets.

(5) Action *re* spitting, None.

(6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary ? Yes.

(7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum ? No.

(8) Are the requirements of Tuberculsis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners ? Yes.

Bacteriology—

County Laboratory. Any suggestions ? No.

Infant Mortality—

Any suggestions ? No.

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare ? No.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925 ? None.

Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any Action ? No.

Vital Statistics—

No. of Still Births during 1925, No statistics available.

DEATHS during 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District without any correction, Males, 5. Females, 6.

(2) No of uncertified deaths (included above), None.

Mortuaries—

What accommodation—(a) for accidents, (b) for infectious cases other than at hospital, (c) for other purposes, None.

Sanitary Staff—

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £24.

Name of Sanitary Inspector, S. Gill.

Annual Salary as Inspector, £26.

Other appointments held, Road Surveyor.

Salary for such other appointment, £143.

Any Assistants? One.

Is Staff sufficient? Yes.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health, Yes.

Clinics—

Any suggestions? None.

Any Remarks as to—

Voluntary Agencies for social betterment, etc., No.

Housing—

See Table D—but please state No. of Certificates given under Increase of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Sec. 2 (2), No.

Special Reports and investigations on any subjects.

None.

Summary of Housing Work during 1925—

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924:—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919; Section 10, 1923. 18.

Houses totally unfit (Sections 17 and 18) 1909. 7.

Houses inspected for "Housing defects" in 1925 under Acts and Regulations :—

Total inspected and recorded. 68.

Houses found satisfactory on inspection. 60.

Houses needing further action. 8.

Action under Public Health Acts in cases of houses with minor defects not remediable under Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10 of 1923 ; and Section 1 of 1925 :—

Houses with defects. 8.

Houses remedied without service of formal notice. 8.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1925 :—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919 ; Section 10, 1923 ; Section 1, 1925. 18.

Houses totally unfit (Sections 17 and 18) 1909 ; Sections 9, 11, 14, 1925. 9.

Other action in regard to Housing—

Total number of houses in district. 431.

Number of working-class houses. About 90 per cent.

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. I., 1919. Fair.

Obstructive Buildings—Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890, or Sec. 19, 1925 Act ? No.

Any building represented by Local Government Electors under Sec 38 (2) of 1890 Act, or by a Justice of the Peace, Parish Council, or Four Government Electors under Section 10, 1925 Act ? No.

Unhealthy Areas.—Any representations under part I. or II of the 1890 Act or part II. of 1925 Act ? If so give particulars, No.

Re-construction Schemes.—Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act or part II. of the 1925 Act ? No.

Conversion of Houses.—Any houses acquired for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act or of closed houses under Section 4, 1925 Act ? If so give particulars, No.

Penalty on re-letting houses ordered to be closed.—Any action under Sec. 12 of 1925 Act ? No.

Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Section 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act or Section 10, 1925 ? No.

Unfit Houses.—Any complaints by Parish Councils under Section 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894? No.

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923? No

Any scarcity of houses? If so, where? Yes; general.

Any overcrowding in houses, and where? Yes.

Any special activity in house building, and where? No.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 17 (7) 1909 Act, or under Section 18, 1925 Act? No

Total number of houses built in the district under state aided and all conditions in 1925, (a) Working Class Dwellings, 6.

State-aided Housing Schemes.

A. Scheme under 1919 Act.

Number of houses erected in 1925. (1) By Council, None.

(2) By Private Builders' Subsidy, None.

B. Scheme under 1923 Act.

Have Council profounded a Scheme under this Act? Yes.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health for their approval? Yes. Has it been approved? Yes.

Is assistance given to private individuals?

(a) By lump sum, Yes If so, how much, £76.

Number of houses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1925, None.

Number of houses completed by Private Persons under this scheme in 1925, Two.

Number of houses completed by Public Utility Societies under this scheme in 1925, None.

C. Scheme under 1924 Act.

Number of houses provisionally approved by Ministry, None.

Number of houses specifically approved by Ministry, 8.

Number of houses completed under special conditions, 4.

Total number of houses provided under all state-aided schemes in 1925, 6.

Town Planning.

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee in 1925? No.

Have Council passed a resolution in 1925 deciding to prepare a scheme? No.

Any scheme contemplated? No.

Have Council propounded a scheme in 1925? No.

Has a scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in 1925? No.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1925? No.

Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval in 1925? No.

Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, S. Gill, Emley.

Signed, J. A. SMITH, Medical Officer of Health.